A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

V. (a) Annual Report of the National Cooperative Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, under sub-section (3) of section 14 of the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962.

(b) Annual Accounts of the National Cooperative Development Corporation. New Delhi, for the year 1990-91 and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of section 17 of the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(d) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1537/92].

VI. (a) Twenty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Federation of Co-operative Spinning Mills Limited, Bombay, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1538/92].

VII. (a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Natioal Horticulture Board, Gurgaon, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1732/92].

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Shri Anand Prakash Gautam. Not there. Shri Radhakishan Malaviya. Not there. Now, Statement regarding Government Business.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 16TH MARCH, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam, on behalf of Shri M. M. Jacob and with your permission. I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 16th March, 1992, will consist of:

1. Further General Discussion on the Railway Budget for 1992-93.

2. Discussion on the Resolution regarding Railway Convention Committee.

3. Consideration and reutrn of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:—

(a) The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 1992.

(b) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 1992.

4. Consideration and passing of the Destructive Insects and Pests (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

5. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Public Ordinance. 1992 and consideration and passing of the Public Liability Insurance (Amedment) Bill, 1992 as passed by Lok Sabha.

6. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991 and consideration and passing of the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 1992 as passed by Lok Sabha.

7. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Indian Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992 and consideration and passing of the Indian Red Cross Society (Amedment) Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Re. SIGNING OF NPT BY INDIA

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Special mentions.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, before we take up the special mentions, I have the Chairman's permission and your permission to raise an issue of very great importance. Madam, I was, and I am sure many of the Members in this House were, heartened to read the statement issued by the Prime Minister from Mauritius saying that India shall not sign the non-proliferation treaty. But we have been receiving conflicting signals from Washington where our Foreign Secretary was visiting until yesterday. The Foreign Secretary has said that India is willing to hold, in fact, is going to hold within the next eight weeks substantive discussions on the NPT bilaterally with the USA. He was, according to newspaper reports, ambiguous about our position in regard to the five-nation summit in South Asia about elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear-free zone. Now, we have to look, Madam Deputy Chairman, at this picture in the background of some other things which have come to our notice and, that is, there is also a proposal that India is going to have a joint naval exercise with the US naval fleet. I had asked a question. Unfortunately, it was an unstarred question where Mr. Gurupadaswamy, Mr. Bhandare and myself did ask about the extent of cooperation in the defence field with the U.S. The reply that we have received says that it is only visits of U.S. Officials high U.S. Officials, military and the Pentagon Officials, which are taking place but no agreement has been signed for any general military tie-up. This is the statement of the Government. Now, what I want to know is, how is it that we are going to have a naval exercise with the U.S. without signing any agreement with the U.S.? What kind of military cooperation is there envisaged with the United States' Army and the United States' Navy? This is something which is totally unclear. That is why we had asked this question and the reply is extremely vague. In regard to NPT, as I said, again the position of the Government seems to be ambivalent. And now when the Foreign Secretary went to see the U.S. Trade Representative, she threatened him that India is not off the hook yet in regard to Super 301 and Special 301. This is the sword of Damocles that is hanging over our head, to be revived if we do not behave in regard to the trade related intellectual property rights. They are not even prepare to wait for the conclusion of the Uruguay Round. This is the kind of threat which he has been subjected to. We have another report which says that in order to locate this North Korean ship which was carrying some missiles to the Middle-East, the U.S. Navy had mounted a surveillance which include the coasts of India and Pakistan. Now, I want to know whether the Government has any information in regard to what kid of surveillance was mounted by the U.S. Navy on the Indian coast. The Foreign Secretary of India has said in Washington....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yashwant Sinha, you asked for a very small intervention. We are not having any debate on this subject.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I am not indulging in any debate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can see before me many Members raising their hands to participate in it. I will be very happy if the Chairman allows, but not now.